BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2000-1

NOTICE OF SCHEDULING OF INFORMAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCES ON UPDATE MATERIALS (July 21, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it will make available witnesses Patelunas (USPS-ST-44), Kay (USPS-ST-45), and Thress (USPS-ST-46) for the purpose of conducting informal technical conferences regarding their testimonies and related technical materials. All conferences will be held at Postal Service Headquarters in Room 1P-410. The schedule will be as follows:

Witness Patelunas will be available Wednesday, July 26, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and again Friday, July 28, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Given the lack of interest exhibited at witness Kay's technical conference on her direct testimony, and given the lack of technical content in witness Thress's testimony, technical conferences with these witnesses will not be scheduled unless specifically requested by a party. In the event such requests are made, those conferences will be scheduled for sometime on Thursday, July 27 and Friday morning, July 28.

Those parties planning to participate are requested to contact undersigned counsel to confirm their attendance. If a request for a technical conference for either witness Kay or Thress is received, further notice will be provided promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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